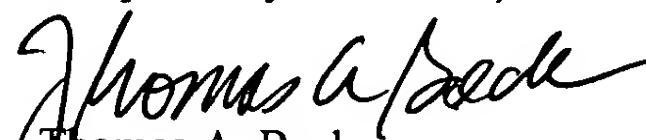


In view of the amendments to the claims this case should contain allowable subject matter. If there are some issues which could be resolved by a telephone conference, which would result in allowable subject matter, Applicant's attorney would be willing to speak with the Examiner concerning such matter(s) at a mutually convenient time. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney by telephone.

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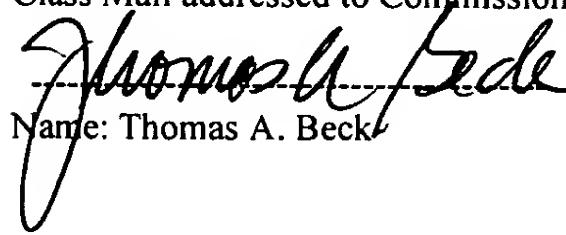
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